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MOSCONE ANSWERS QUESTIONS FROM THE GAY COMMUNITY: A TRANSCRIPT

by George Mendenhall

It was a night of miracles. Supervisor Harvey Milk joined the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and was embraced by its founder, Jim Foster. Foster, who had worked diligently for Milk's opponent, Rick Stokes, spoke to the Toklas gathering and urged the Gay community to unite behind Supervisor Milk.

The November meeting of Toklas at the California State Building auditorium in the Civic Center ended early and was followed by a Gay Community Forum with an honored guest, Mayor George Moscone. The mayor was aware of some constructive criticism of his policies from Chris Perry of the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club and others. He received a standing ovation as he entered the auditorium.

The Gay Forum was sponsored by several Gay groups, including the following: GALA, Coalition for Human Rights, BPAC, Gay Democratic Club and Toklas.

This is the actual transcript of the mayor's response to questions and statements made during his presentation:

GAY ADVISORY BOARD

I have been reticent to appoint a Mayor's Gay Advisory Board because of something that I am very sensitive to and that you may be sensitive to also: That is, like any other community, when you select 5, 7, 9 or whatever there will be others that should have been appointed. The last thing that I want to do, is to do anything that would encourage any kind of competitive effort among people who need to work together and with this administration.

POLICE CHIEF CHARLES GAIN

I appreciate this resolution (from the Toklas Club) in support of Charles Gain. It is worth a great

deal. There is a reasonably concerted effort to disparage not just Chief Gain or myself but some of the things that I like to think that both of us stand for. It is of no surprise that the Gay community would recognize it rather quickly and take action to give support . . . I am not weakening in my support of Chief Gain; Herb Caen, to the contrary, not withstanding. There has never been a discussion, thought or action by me to weaken the position of the police chief. He needs reinforcement from time to time, that there is a greater community out there that wants to see a decent city and a decent police department.

GAY CENTER ON GROVE STREET

I do not support the Center in its present locale . . . or anything else at that location (330 Grove Street). The Center should continue there until the 11th hour, when that property is needed to be used. I believe that a Performing Arts Center is good for this city. I believe that it has the potential for adding much to this city, whether you come from the so-called "elite" or from any other place. (Note: 330 Grove Street is in a city Master Plan to become part of the Arts Center project and is temporarily loaned to the Pride Foundation rent-free.)

A FUTURE GAY CENTER

I am absolutely, unequivocally, 100% behind decent, sound, comprehensive facilities that can be called a Gay Community Center. I believe that this is clearly a major obligation of this city. I am happy to join in this effort. That city money, I believe, will eventually have to come out of the Community Development Program. We should provide facilities for this important segment of our community. I believe that you are helping the city by pursuing such a plan. I am going to make every effort to support that. The mayor's office is committed to this and we will need your help to get ratification from our legislative body, the Board of Supervisors.

LACK OF COMMUNICATION

If you ever hear a snide remark about Gay people or the Gay lifestyle from people over which I have some control, I want to know about it. I do not want people in my administration who do not provide respect, no matter how much they may disagree with you on principle. You do not serve your community or me if you think that you are doing something wrong by reporting such incidents to me. I want to know about it . . . Many times things go awry because I do not hear about what is happening.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS & HARVEY MILK

One of the reasons I supported District Elections is because the only way a person can be a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week ombudsman is for that person to represent a particular neighborhood and a particular community . . . The city is now privileged to have the representation of Harvey Milk. Such representatives can deliver concerns better than any "Gay Advisory Board" to the mayor.

TV EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF THE MAYOR

Channel 5 and Channel 7 have never elected anyone to public office. Nor have they ever pressured a resignation. I would hope that the day comes when Channel 7 would find the morality in their own operation that it demands of us.

GAYS IN CITY GOVERNMENT

Our staff includes at least three upfront Gay people — at least they are known to me. There may be others who I do not know about, as I don't think it is my business to check on the personal lives of others.

I hope that the Gay community is not saying, "Give us a Gay on the Police Commission, on the Board of Permit Appeals, and on the Planning Commission because they are votes that we can count on." I hope they are saying, "Here is someone who is sensitive to our needs and who shares that with the other commissioners, who will talk publicly and privately about the needs of our community."

I have never sent the Gay people who work for me out into the community to be my "Gay" representatives. They are not hired for that reason. They were hired because they were the most capable people in a special sphere. They only happen to be part of an important segment of this community. I believe that it is my job to be the liaison with the Gay community.

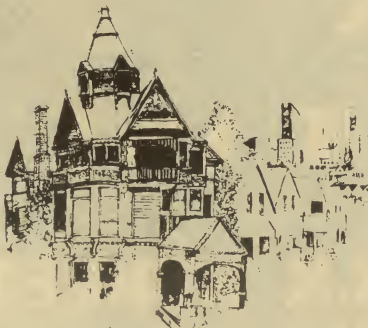
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George Moscone

accepted his appointment with the knowledge of where my political head is. (Note: Boas determines where the city hotel tax funds go in the funding of special events. He has refused thus far to fund the annual Gay Parade, calling it a "political" activity.) I am able to discuss rationally with Mr. Boas the needs of this city.

The Gay community has found it to be terribly important to have a parade to exhibit the kind of progress that it has made in this very progressive city. It is an honest endeavor that gives publicity to the city. It is an event that has considerable self-enforcement in difficult times. I can talk with Mr. Boas, allowing him to make an independent judgment about giving financial aid to the Gay Parade. I do believe that my reasoning will prevail, but if it does not, he will have another year's experience before that matter comes up again. I believe that support of this event is a proper expenditure, for providing a little happiness in this city for a very well enforced parade.

GAY ON POLICE COMMISSION

It is very proper to have minority people on the Police Commission for the reason that they have particular concerns about the sensitiveness or lack of it by the police department.

I will not appoint a Gay to the present vacancy. I shall appoint another Black person to that appointment to replace the Black who is leaving.

There will be a Gay on the Police Commission before I leave the position of Mayor.

HOUSING

I support a proposed city ordinance which would make it illegal to discriminate against Gay people in housing.

CITY AWARD MONEY USED TO APPREHEND MURDERERS

City award money is not used capriciously. The money is offered when the Police Department determines that a financial incentive is needed to apprehend the wanted person. They let me know when such an award would be appropriate. We follow Chief Gain's advice on such matters.

POLICE HARASSMENT ON POLK STREET?

We met with merchants and other citizens - Gay and straight - from Polk Street. They unanimously commended Northern Police Station for being so considerate, sensitive and responsible in dealing with the problems in that area... I need complaints with specific details if you have any in regard to alleged police harassment of citizens. We will follow up.

GAY ON MANPOWER COMMISSION

There is a current vacancy on the 28-person Manpower Commission and it is slotted for a Veteran. I am open to possible appointment of a Gay Veteran. Please give me the names of Gay Veterans who want to serve, and I will make that appointment forthwith.

GAY UNITY

There are probably a lot of broken hearts and broken feelings from the race in District 5 where two Gay people opposed each other. (Note: A reference to Harvey Milk and Rick Stokes.) It is very difficult to mend that. However, there must be great dispatch in putting aside feelings that were evident in the campaign and unite behind the winner.

There should not be squabbling among one another. When the chips are down, you must put aside the petty politics and fight for the city and the life of your community. That is what I ask of every minority community. On certain basic issues you must speak with one voice, without the squabbling. That is the greatest service you can be to yourselves and to this administration.

FUTURE PUBLIC FORUMS

I hope that tonight is only one of many meetings that I hope will take place between me and my office and the community at large so that we can always be upfront about the problems that plague our city and those problems that particularly beset you. You are certainly part of the greater community. I am sure that you agree with that.

Local TV Opens To Gays

SAN FRANCISCO - Officials of (UHF) TV station Channel 38 (a religious broadcasting outlet here) have decided to give Gay activists a chance to explain their views on the air.

Last June, the San Francisco-based Council on Religion and the Homosexual had complained to the Federal Communications Commission that Channel 38, part of the Glendale-based Faith Broadcasting Network, would not give them equal time to rebut the homophobic views of Anita Bryant. Federal regulations insist that "controversial issues" be fairly handled or the station faces a non-renewal of its license.

Bryant had appeared on three hours of programming aired by Channel 38 prior to the June 7 repeal of a Dade County, Fla., ordinance that banned discrimination against Gays in housing and employment.

"I believe our broadcasting voice in the San Francisco Bay Area must go on record as recognizing the intrinsic value of the rights and person of the so-called 'Gay' community," the network's president, Dr. Gene Scott, said in a letter released by his attorney.

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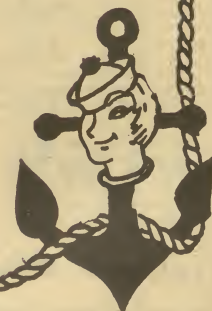
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Hillsborough Murder Case Concluding

SAN FRANCISCO - John Cordova, 19, of Daly city, is to be tried separately from his co-defendant Richard J. Spooner, 20, of San Bruno in the murder case which made a cause celebre of victim Robert Hillsborough. The two were to be tried together, but they now have separate attorneys, and Spooner will face trial after the Cordova case has been concluded. A third adult suspect, Michael Chavez, 20, of Daly City, was granted immunity by the district attorney after he agreed to testify against the defendants. The 16 year old juvenile was placed in the custody of

the California Youth Authority after a hearing in San Mateo County. B.A.R. has learned that the juvenile may serve 3 to 4 years, although he could be held until he is 23.

Cordova will be tried on November 28. There may be a possible postponement until December 5 if his attorney, George Walker, is still involved in a Los Angeles trial. Walker has been attempting to get a change of venue, meaning the case involving Cordova could be heard in another city.

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John Cordova, alleged murderer of gay man.



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Gays Unite For Anti-Briggs

STATEWIDE ANTI-BRIGGS SESSION IN L.A.

Gay activists from across the state will be meeting at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, December 9-11. The three-day session will be a broadly-based rally and planning session to unite the Gay community behind the fight against the anti-Gay teacher initiative proposed by State Senator John Briggs.

The U.S.C. conference is open to all Gay people. It begins Friday evening with registration and socializing. Saturday will be a day of workshops. Sunday will feature a general business session. A ten-person statewide planning group set up the conference, which follows a preliminary meeting that was recently held in Sacramento with 200 Gay activists participating.

Buses are being leased for the trip with a \$24.00 round-trip charge. They will leave on Friday at noon from the Gay Community Center, 330 Grove, and return late Sunday evening. Free child care and some housing will be provided for those taking the trip. Those who have cars or wish to make automobile arrangements may call Les Morgan at 775-1000. Inquiries about the buses and general information may be obtained by calling 863-9351, 922-2837 or 282-4853.

National Women's Meet Backs Lesbian Mothers



Del Martin, local delegate to Houston IWY conference.

"Thank you, sisters!" came a yell from a California cheering section of the gallery as the National Women's Conference meeting in Houston passed a Lesbian Rights plank on Nov. 20. The measure, if it is adopted by Congress or put into effect by government agencies, would allow Lesbian mothers to keep their children and guarantee them equality in housing and employment. In reality, acceptance of the resolution by women at Houston means that the same guarantees would apply to Gay men.

Earlier in the 2,000 delegate fete, San Francisco's Del Martin spoke to the assembled on the need for clinics and other aid for battered women. Martin authored the first important book on the plight of the battered homemaker, "Battered Wives," and serves as Chair of the local Commission on the Status of Women. She was in Houston with her lover, Phyllis Lyon, who heads the National Sex Forum.

and serves on the Human Rights Commission. H.R.C. staffer Jo Daly was also one of the 13 upfront Gay women in the 96 delegate group from California.

All 26 of the proposed resolutions — including the right of women to have abortions and support for the equal rights amendment — received overwhelming approval.

Phyllis Schlafly, who heads the ultra-Right, anti-women's rights movement, held her own unofficial rally which drew 20,000. Schlafly told the media that the "Lesbians who are anti-family" controlled the federally financed official meeting. Former Congresswoman Bella Abzug, who chaired the Houston Coliseum sessions, denied the accusation. Abzug said that the conference delegates were chosen in fifty separate states and six territorial conferences and that they were a representative cross-section.

George Mendenhall

Editorial



Police Chief Charles Gain

Who's Expendable, Caen Or Gain?

The persistent infantile stratagems of the Police Officers Association to undermine Police Chief Gain seem to know no limit. The latest, leafletting of the community with photos taken of Gain and Margo St. James at last month's Hookers' Ball — as if his presence aided and abetted immorality — is par for their sleazy efforts. Their locker room pranks, while unfortunate, are just that and not much more.

No one knows this better than Herb Caen, local rumor monger and arbiter of fad. It is no secret or scoop that Caen has his private "hit" list and that once on it, the victim can expect himself yipped and yapped at beyond boredom and/or beyond truth. Caen wants Chief Gain removed from office, and Caen will see to it that no mud pie is left unthrown.

In one recent column he has "rumors flying around City Hall" that Gain will be gone by tomorrow's mail.

His latest item is to inflate and keep alive the Hookers' Ball photo — He puts the question, "Why is Police Chief Gain as moralistic (read 'uptight') about men under his command, and so lacking in restraint in his own behavior — as witness his rollicking attendance at the Hookers' Ball?"

Now if Chief Gain were talking in the first case about some cop's having his picture taken with Margo St. James at a Ball and then ignoring his own photo session — Caen has a point.

Obviously there is a world of difference between being upset over shakedown, drinking on duty and citizen harassment, and being upset over graft-fitti which blackens one's reputation.

Caen, the inveterate coward, then puts into the mouth of ex-Mayor Christopher how the latter would "do things in the proper and ethical manner." Christopher would go to his Police Commission and "if they didn't fire the Chief, I would fire the Police Commission." Ho-hum...

And all this for having one's picture taken at the Hookers' Ball??

Last week Gain responded to the hooker "red herring" — "This is a very vicious city... It's the sickest city politically that I've ever seen. I have more people wondering about my private life, my social life, my sex life and my married life."

All those things (the trivia, the spite, the innuendo) got Mr. Caen where he is today.

Pride

PRIDE CONTESTS
JUDGE'S RULING ON
FLORIDA

by George Mendenhall

Stanley Weigel, federal district judge in San Francisco, has ruled that Anita Bryant, Bob Greene, Mike Thompson and Save Our Children, Inc. in Florida are out of his jurisdiction in a suit filed by Pride. Pride is suing these parties and State Senator John Briggs in a \$5 million court action which alleges that the defendants created a climate which led to the murder of Robert Hillsborough. Weigel contends that there was not ample direct involvement in California by the Bryant forces in Florida.

The court action is being brought by the Pride Foundation on behalf of Mrs. Helen Hillsborough, mother of the victim, under a statute which makes it illegal to deprive persons of their civil rights out of prejudice.

Attorney John Baissey, who recently flew to Florida and obtained a deposition from singer/activist Anita Bryant, says that Pride will contest the judge's ruling. Senator Briggs has also given a deposition in the case.

The judge emphasized that he was not judging the merits of the case by his ruling. There will be a later hearing on the matter in another court.

The death of Robert Hillsborough received national attention as it occurred directly after the wide publicity given the defeat in Miami. It was alleged in some reports that those attacking Hillsborough shouted anti-Gay

taunts at the victim, although the clarity of what really happened has not been explained in a court by witnesses. The coming trials of the alleged murderers of Hillsborough may cast more light on what transpired.

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Storm Over Noble's Stepping Down



Massachusetts state representative Elaine Noble announced that she will not seek reelection.

The Boston Gay community has been embroiled in an on-going controversy ever since Elaine Noble's announcement that she would not run again for the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The debate ranges over whether Noble's decision is a plus or a minus for the Boston Gay community. Put another way, whether Noble has been an effective or ineffective representative.

Critics led by David P. Brill, Editorial Consultant for Boston's Gay Community News, have charged that Noble accomplished little for the Gay community and spent most of her time traveling around the country making speeches. The controversy has spilled over to "Community Voice" section of the GCN with charge and counter-charge.

Wrote one critic, "As far as I can tell, Noble's only legislative accomplishment was passing a bill that would put hustlers in prison. That is quite an achievement for a Gay person." Others have accused Brill of stabbing Noble in the back.

A recent redistricting of the Massachusetts legislature reduced the number of representatives, and Noble would have been forced to run against highly popular Barney Frank. It would have been an awkward confrontation.

In the last two years Noble has repeatedly campaigned in California — not always to the delight of the Gay community. In the recent San Francisco supervisorial race Noble made appearances for candidate Rick Stokes, who was battling Harvey Milk in District 5 along with three other Gay candidates.

Mass. Court Defines "Privacy" In Sex

The Massachusetts Supreme Court last week ordered a new trial for John Scagliotti who pleaded that he was a Gay victim of police harassment. The defendant had been convicted of soliciting to commit "an unnatural and lascivious act with another person."

The Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts considered the Scagliotti decision a victory "test case" in halting police harassment of Gay men.

The Supreme Court also ruled that a "consensual unnatural act must be committed in a PUBLIC place in order to be punishable by law. The PUBLIC nature of a consensual act is an essential element to be proved by the prosecution."

State Representative Barney Frank (a long-time friend of the Boston Gay community) said that the court made "a clear-cut statement that private, consensual homosexual sex is not punishable in Massachusetts."

The court defined privacy as meaning "removal from the public view and elimination of the possibility that the defendant's conduct might give offense to persons present in a place frequented by members of the public for reasons of business, entertainment or the like." Frank viewed the Court's definition of privacy to be a "functional" one, rather than a "formal" one.

RC Hierarchy Rejects Liberal Sex Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Roman Catholic bishops last week condemned a report released last spring that urged an easing of Church rules on sex.

The controversial report, a book-length study called "Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought," concluded that activities such as adultery, premarital sex, homosexuality and masturbation can be condoned in some circumstances.

The bishops, speaking through their doctrinal committee, said the study "departs from the teaching of the church," abandons "objective criteria" of evaluating sex acts and weakens "the demands of sexual morality."

The doctrinal committee's position: represent the view of the entire National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is meeting in Washington. However, the conference took no vote on the matter.

"By abandoning norms that make specific demands, the report reaches the conclusion that sexual activity outside of marriage can be permissible or even virtuous," the bishops said in repudiating such conclusions.

The "Human Sexuality" study was issued last spring by a five-member committee of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has stirred widespread interest and varying reaction.

It departs from the church's traditional abso-

lute "dos" and "don'ts" about sex and takes a more flexible approach by assessing the morality of sexual acts on a case-by-case basis.

The study says the morality of all sexual behavior — including church-condemned acts such as masturbation, homosexuality and premarital sex — hinges on whether they contribute to personal wholeness and creative growth and whether they are "self-liberating" and "other-enriching."

Such criteria "are too vague to apply with any kind of precision or assurance," the bishops' committee said. "In effect, they remove the essential connection between sexual activity and procreation, sexual activity and marital love."

The statement emphasized that the church has always "condemned such behavior as fornication, adultery and masturbation as sinful." These were cited by bishops at a news conference as among acts the study would condone in certain situations.

"The norms are wrong and potentially dangerous," Bishop Walter W. Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn., said. "They are not helpful but deceptive and poor moral guidelines."

Asked why the theologians' study has become more popular and widely cited than a 1976 Vatican statement on sexual morality, Bishop Curtis said, "Sound moral teaching is not always popular."

Gay Rights Reach Amnesty International

According to a report by Jim Marko in Boston's Gay Community News, Amnesty International, the human rights organization and recent winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is considering a resolution that the organization define violations against homosexuals as a human rights issue.

At the recent Annual International Council Meeting to determine new policy, the French delegation (with American backing) introduced a resolution that stated: "The International Council of AI, recalling the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, considering that certain governments imprison people because of their homosexuality and considering that freedom of choice in sexual matters where this does not infringe upon the rights of others is a fundamental human right, resolves to recognize as prisoners of conscience, those persons drained because of their homosexuality."

An American delegate to the annual meeting said that the resolution was referred to a conference

committee which amended it omitting the word homosexuality. The amended resolution referred to those "arrested because of their sexual orientation or behavior between consenting adults which does not infringe upon the human rights of others."

"There was debate by the full body in which the fear was expressed that the wording would lead AI to the adoption of all sorts of people like polygamists and adulterers," said the delegate.

That concern forced the amended resolution back to the International Executive Committee which meets this month to discuss this and other issues.

The International Executive Committee of Amnesty International now has one other issue concerning sexuality before it. The statute which calls upon the organization to help those arrested for "their race, color, beliefs, ethnic origin, or religion" now includes the word "sex." Amnesty International members have not determined if the addition of that single

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word is enough to have the group adopt those prisoners incarcerated because of their sexual preference; therefore that change is also in committee.

Worldwide in scope and independent of any government, Amnesty International is an organization that works for the release of people "imprisoned or tortured because they profess the wrong politics, or pray to the wrong God, or were born the wrong color." The group "adopts prisoners of conscience," investigates the circumstances of the case and then, if it deems fit, brings the case to the public forum.

Gaylord Case Is Not The Last Word For Gay Teachers

by E. Carrington Boggan

The recent refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case of James Gaylord, a former teacher in the Tacoma, Washington, public school system who was fired simply for being Gay and honestly admitting it to school officials when he was asked, has rightfully caused outrage among Gay people throughout the country. The case should be seen in perspective, however, and not taken as the end of the road for the assertion of equal rights by Gay teachers or Gay public employees generally.

The Supreme Court's action has only the effect of letting stand the decision of the Washington State Supreme Court which upheld Gaylord's firing. Further, the firing was by a local school board in a city in Washington State which had no ordinance protecting Gays from employment discrimination, and so the result would doubtless be different even in Washington State had the city involved been Seattle, for example, which has a Gay rights ordinance.

The Gaylord decision has no binding effect on the courts of any state other than Washington, and courts in other states have in previous cases reached different conclusions. The California Supreme Court in 1969 in Morrison v. State Board of Education held that a teacher could not be fired simply because she was a Lesbian, where no adverse effect on her ability to teach was shown.

The federal district court in Maryland has previously found, in Acunfora v. Montgomery County Board of Education, that one's status as a homosexual alone should not be a basis for firing, and that homosexuality per se is a "suspect class," which means that for a discriminatory classification to be constitutional, the state would have to meet a very heavy burden of proof to justify the discrimination. Acunfora's dismissal was ultimately upheld, however, because he intentionally did not disclose membership in a Gay student organization in college to the school authorities when he was hired.

Recently another federal court in Oregon found in favor of a Gay teacher in Burton v. Cascade School District, and damages were recently assessed against the University of Delaware in Aumiller v. University of Delaware by a federal court when Aumiller was fired because he spoke out in favor of Gay rights.

Gay teachers, therefore, should continue to assert their rights to equal employment in public educational institutions. When they are told they may be fired because they are Gay, they should demand an administrative hearing. If that is unsuccessful, they can bring court action.

Where private educational institutions are involved, however, Gay teachers would have much less chance of successfully challenging discrimination unless the locality in which they taught had adopted a law protecting Gays from employment discrimination, because the constitutional provisions under which the cases discussed above

were decided apply only when discriminatory action is taken by a governmental body.

- NGTF

Oregon Backs Gays


GAY RIGHTS PASSES IN EUGENE

EUGENE, ORE. - This city became Oregon's first municipality to pass a Gay rights ordinance on October 24. The City Council

passed the ordinance 5 to 3.

The Portland Town Council reported that close to 500 attended the highly dramatic session. Fire regulations kept more from coming into the Council chambers. Sixteen proponents spoke for the ordinance, and ten spoke against it.

The losers (a la Dade County, Fla.) have vowed a referendum to overturn the Council vote. 6,000 signatures would be required within 30 days. Local Gay activists doubt the Eugene anti-homosexuals can rally their forces in time.



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Poll Shows U.K. More Tolerant On Gays Than U.S.

The Gallup Poll has reported that British attitudes towards homosexuals are generally more supportive than those of their American counterparts.

When asked if Gay people should have equal rights in employment, 65% of the British respondents answered "yes" while 19% answered "no." Americans favored equal rights by a smaller 56-33% margin. Both national groups held similar views on whether Gay people should be elementary school teachers, clergy, doctors, salespeople, and armed forces personnel, however.

On several general questions, British attitudes were much more pro-Gay than those of Americans. 66% of Americans thought that homosexuality was more "prevalent" today than 25 years ago, compared to only 43% of British who agreed with the statement.

Americans, more than the British, tended to attribute homosexuality to upbringing, rather than

something that a person is born with. 56% of the Americans agreed with the "upbringing" theory, compared to only 28% of the British respondents. 31% of the British saw homosexuality as an innate condition, while only 12% of the Americans subscribed to that theory.

One of the major differences between the attitudes of the two nations came in attitudes on whether or not consenting sexual activity should be legal or not. Britons opinion backed legal consensual sex by a 58%-22% margin, while the Americans were equally divided on the issue, 43%-43%.

- Gay Community News

Bryant Retains Job

LAKELAND, FLA. - Despite the recent flurry of trial balloons to test the wind of public opinion, the Florida Citrus Commission here has renewed Anita Bryant's contract.

In addition to the \$100,000-a-year contract, the Commission passed a resolution praising her courage in battling Gays.

The move by the 12-member Commission

which extended Bryant's contract through August 1979 ended all speculation that Bryant had become too controversial.

The Commission also adopted a policy that there will be no further discussion of the Bryant situation by anyone connected with the Commission — including its advertising agency, except in open meetings of the Commission.

While the gag rule applies to Citrus Commission and ad agency officials, the public is still free to express their dissatisfaction. Particularly insofar as Bryant continues to appear with groups and promoters who demand that all homosexuals belong in prison.

The ad agency: Dancer, Fitzgerald & Sample, 347 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. The Florida Citrus Commission: Box 89, Citrus Mutual Plaza, Lakeland, Fla. 33802.

"Save Our Children" Recall Flops In Oregon

PORTLAND, ORE. - An initiative to recall Portland's Mayor Neil Goldschmidt for his 1977 Gay Pride Day Proclamation failed in late October. 25,110 valid voter signatures were required by October 18. The number was not reached, and no sheets were turned in. News reports stated that only 18,000 names had been secured.

The initiative was sponsored by a group called "Citizens to Protect Our Children Committee."

MILK MEETS WITH GAY DEMO. CLUB

The San Francisco Gay Democratic Club will host Harvey Milk at McKinley School auditorium on Nov. 29, 1977, at 8:00pm. This is a chance for people in the Gay community who have not previously met Harvey to ask questions and get his thoughts on the future of Gay politics in San Francisco. Says a club spokesman, "We now have a strong new voice in City Hall to whom Gay issues are of utmost concern." Harvey's topic will be "Where Do We Go From Here?"

The San Francisco Gay Democratic Club was formed in 1974 and currently has a membership of close to eighty Gay men and women. Chris Perry, the club's President, can be reached at 621-5772 for further information.

McKinley School is at the corner of Castro and 15th Streets, and the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club will hold its regular meeting from 7:00 until 8:00. The public is cordially invited.



James Spada launches gay lifestyle survey.

National Gay Lifestyle Survey

James Spada, Los Angeles Gay activist and author, is currently conducting a nation-wide survey of Gay male lifestyles and sexuality, to be published next year by New American Library.

The survey is based on a questionnaire Spada has formulated and is distributing through the mail. "This survey" is unique," Spada says, "in that Gay men are being asked to write about their feelings and their emotions. The survey is not statistical, but verbal. The Gay men who respond to the questions will be treated as human beings, not numbers. The answers, whether two words or two pages long, will be printed verbatim in the book — without analysis or interpretation. I'm very excited about the concept because I think it's about time Gay men had a chance to speak for themselves!"

The questionnaire is anonymous and, although it consists of 55 questions, respondents can answer only those questions that interest them most. "The questionnaire isn't easy," Spada admits, "so I'm urging those people who don't have the time or inclination to complete it to send in whatever they do have the time to write — every answer is important."

Says Spada, "This book is a great way to let Gay men explain themselves — and by so doing, I think that a lot of stereotypes are going to disappear."

Spada's previously published works include "Barbra: The First Decade - The Films and Career of Barbra Streisand" and "The Films of Robert Redford." He is active in Los Angeles Gay life, a member of the ACLU Gay Rights Chapter in Southern California

and the National Gay Task Force. Recently the Los Angeles Times reprinted a letter Spada wrote to his father, informing him that he was Gay. Spada explains this public coming out: "I think it's very important that Gay people reveal themselves because so many of us do not fit any 'Gay mold.' I wanted the Times to reprint the letter so that other Gay people might be inspired to do the same thing. It worked, because I got many letters telling me just that."

Copies of the Lifestyle Survey can be obtained by writing Jim Spada, Suite 304, 513 South Mariposa, Los Angeles. Copies are also available at the Gay Community Center, 330 Grove St., San Francisco.

NTGF Membership Drive

NGTF is the biggest Gay rights organization in the country, but we also want it to be the most broadly based. Help swell our membership rolls with Lesbians and Gay men — willing to stand up and be counted. Next time you think of sending a donation to NGTF, consider taking out some gift memberships — for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Chanukah, whatever — instead. Recruit your friends and associates. Persuade your local Gay organizations to take out group memberships. Write for free brochures. Pass them out at parties, or better yet, throw an NGTF membership party. It isn't just the money that's important; our members are our strength. Write NGTF, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10011. To date, NGTF has 6,545 members; memberships begin at \$15.00.

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Milk Forum

THE POWER OF THE BALLOT

by Harvey Milk

More and more, the Gay community in San Francisco has proven its power at the ballot box. The secondary part of that power is the working on the campaigns for candidates. The experience and learning of those Gay people who have worked must now be put to positive use.

Unfortunately, we might have to pull all that energy and talent together in a fight against the Briggs initiative if his new one gets the signatures to get on the ballot next year. The planning stages and strategies are already taking place for that struggle.

In order to develop even stronger knowledge, Gay people must get involved not only in Gay political clubs but into the campaigns for local and state office. In San Francisco we already have a small army of people with experience who have built the bridges with other people. This must be done in all the other cities and counties of the state - Fresno, San Diego, Santa Cruz, San Jose.

I will give as much help to any group anywhere in the state in passing on my experiences. What worked and what did not work in my case.

BRIGGS

The battle against Briggs will be hard and dirty on his part. We must reach out to every possible group of people everywhere in the state. I urge every Gay person to get involved in their local races - primary, etc. We will need as much help in our fight as we can get, and there is no better way of getting that help than to start to help others now.

ORANGE JUICE

The Florida Citrus Commission has told the Gay people of the nation just what it thinks of us. It gave Anita Bryant a new contract. It made a value judgment on her

anti-Gay stands and congratulated her. The new contract was a sign of approval of what she stands for.

The Gay community in the nation can and must respond. It is too easy to continue to drink our OJ in the privacy of our kitchen. But what must be made clear is that the convenience of drinking Florida orange juice will make life inconvenient to Gay people elsewhere. Every time you drink Florida OJ you are saying that Anita Bryant should continue to speak out against Gay people - that it is okay to take away our rights. The price that you pay when you "must" have your one glass of OJ in the morning is that some young Gay person somewhere in the nation will have their rights taken away. I cannot urge every Gay person and every "friend" too strongly to stop drinking ALL orange juice that comes from Florida.

Every Gay person must be made aware of the power of their vote AND the power of their dollar. Every Gay person must become registered. Every Gay person must become aware of issues. And every Gay person should become fully aware of what power their individual dollar has. If the estimated 2 million Gay people just in this state alone did or did not drink one glass of OJ each day, that adds up to a total of some 730 MILLION glasses per year! The conclusion... don't drink orange juice from Florida and spread the word throughout the nation.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: According to TIME Magazine, Florida orange juice sales are down 10% from a year ago. Citrus industry flacks attribute the drop to higher prices caused by a poor growing season last winter. Perhaps a 20% drop in sales will prompt them to look elsewhere for the causes...)

Open Notebook

Shall We Laugh?

Jack Warner

For several years I've been clipping articles that have to do with homosexuality from the daily newspapers, and I've now filled a couple of scrapbooks. When I page through these scrapbooks, I invariably end up laughing. In most instances, of course, the articles are

antihomosexual in tone and substance, but what makes them so funny is that they demonstrate all too clearly the irrationality and inanity required to sustain the antihomosexual position.

Some of the statements made by antihomosexuals are patently absurd. They

turn common sense upside down. Recently, for instance, we've heard Anita Bryant shouting that she's being "persecuted" while her own record offers stark evidence that she is the persecutor. Why does she choose this very word? Is something nagging at her conscience? She has also claimed that she is being "crucified," and her choice of that word tells us quite a lot about her grandiose self-delusion.

And then there's Senator Hayakawa, who ought to know something about the use of language but apparently forgets. "I do not believe homosexuals should be teaching family life classes," he says, "because they don't know about family life." Surely the senator must know that the term "family life" is a euphemism employed solely to avoid the dread word "sex." Is Hayakawa trying to pull somebody's leg, or is he simply willing to admit to the world that he loses his ability to think when he is confronted with homosexuality?

Farther back in my scrapbooks, I find some truly hilarious examples of how antihomosexuals are willing to stand on their heads. A couple of years ago television viewers who were interested in art and/or culture heroes were able to watch a program about Leonardo da Vinci. But something funny happened to Leonardo on his way to the television studio - he lost his sexual orientation. This, of course, made problems for the script writers, particularly in a scene where Leonardo and his male friends were being quizzed by the authorities of the time. Since the people who made this

program couldn't believe that a man of genius could be homosexual, they resorted to an outright lie: the charge was changed to heresy. Obviously it isn't only fascists and communists who think they can rewrite history and get away with it.

As far as homosexuality is concerned, the rewriting of history has been going on for a long time - and still goes on. One of the funniest clippings in my scrapbooks is a Reuters dispatch from London that appeared in the fall of 1974. It's a brilliant example of doublethink:

"William Shakespeare, you may or may not be pleased to know, was not a homosexual. But, according to Martin Seymour-Smith, writing in the British Journal of Sexual Medicine, he was a heterosexual who 'suddenly and to his own shock and surprise, found himself the victim of a homosexual passion.' Not only was the Bard prey to a homosexual passion but, says Seymour-Smith, judging from references in sonnets 34 to 36, he actually succumbed to it. It is not possible to explain these sonnets except in the hypothesis that Shakespeare did on at least one (and probably

only one) occasion, have some kind of physical relationship with his friend," he says."

How many homosexual acts make a man a homosexual? Let's imagine that Shakespeare lived in the United States in a recent year and that he made his living as an accountant or a store clerk. We may rest assured that nobody would later write "William Shakespeare, you may or may not be pleased to know, was not a homosexual." But there's something even funnier going on here. According to this account, Shakespeare was a VICTIM. He was PREY to homosexual passion. And it all happened SUDDENLY AND TO HIS OWN SHOCK AND SURPRISE. Would anybody like to place any bets?

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Anti-homosexuals do themselves in, and we'll put them in their proper place, I think, only when we've learned to take them less seriously sometimes. They've been laughing at us for years - now it's our turn to laugh at them.

Jack Warner

Come out of the closet and be proud.

Jeanne Jullion Benefit

The Gay Men's Theater Collective (Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8:30pm at the Gumption Theater, 1563 Page) will present a benefit performance of "Crimes Against Nature" for the Jeanne Jullion Defense Fund.

Pryor "No Regrets"

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ANTI-GAY BOWL TALK

Richard Pryor, recently hospitalized with a heart



Richard Pryor shocks Hollywood Bowl thousands

attack, has told the Chicago Tribune that "he does not regret" telling 18,000 Gay people at a recent Hollywood Bowl concert to "Kiss my happy, rich, black ass!" He said, "Life must go on. You pay your dues and take what comes."

Comedienne Lily Tomlin, who was also on the Bowl program, has let it be known through her friends that she will probably not co-star with Pryor in the planned "The Sting II" motion picture.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Pryor, who was visiting his grandmother in Peoria, Illinois, was rushed to Methodist Memorial center emergency with an apparent heart attack. He was subsequently placed in an intensive care coronary unit.

Earlier in the month, Pryor's TV comedy show was canceled by NBC because of poor ratings.

For a Food-Safe Thanksgiving

Traditional American holiday foods such as the turkey are a symbol of joy and plenty, yet these same foods occasionally may be a source of physical misery. Unless they are carefully handled in all the preparatory processes, Thanksgiving poultry (turkey, duck, chicken, goose, etc.) may reach the table tainted with certain germs (salmonella) which may cause cramps, diarrhea, and other classic symptoms of food-borne infection. The Federal and State health protection agencies maintain strict regulations over the wholesale processing of table poultry and other food products; the San Francisco Health Department oversees the safe

retail handling of poultry in local markets. However, mistakes within the home may let a few germs multiply rapidly, and cancel the benefits of all the precautions taken on the long route from farm to kitchen.

Holiday birds are sold fresh, frozen, whole, in parts, or in rolls, with or without dressing inside, and "oven-ready." Each must be handled differently, and each must be handled with proper care, to remain fresh and wholesome - but a single theme runs through all the different ways of preparing the bird for the table: "Keep it very cold or very hot. After thawing, don't let it stand at room temperature, neither raw nor after it is cooked."

KITCHEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY DINNER

1. DO NOT THAW commercially frozen STUFFED birds before cooking. Thaw other frozen poultry in the original wrappings, under cold running water for 2 to 6 hours, depending on size; or thaw in refrigerator for 1 to 3 days; then cook as soon as possible.

2. Roast bird unstuffed, and bake stuffing separately in a shallow pan. However, if you INSIST on stuffing your bird, do this at the last minute before roasting, and then roast at 325 degrees F. for 20 to 25 minutes per pound. The roast is done when a meat thermometer in the bird reads 180-185 degrees F.; stuffing should read 165 degrees.

3. Serve within 30 minutes. Don't let the leftovers stand too long. To store, wrap well to prevent drying, and put immediately into the refrigerator at 35-45 degrees F.

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Preston Hall

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If you have seen Preston or have any information that might help to find Preston, please call the B.A.R. office, 861-5019.

Behind the Headlines

Coors: Thousands For Sales But Gaycott Continues

by George Mendenhall

The Adolph Coors Company of Golden, Colorado, has publicly admitted that a Gay boycott of its beer has affected its beer sales. Coors has spent countless thousands to lure back the Gay consumer, but it has failed miserably. Even the heads of the brewery, the notoriously ultra-conservative Joseph and Bill Coors, have been forced to hit the road to push their product as sales decline. Gay Power has been recognized as being effective in reducing sales of a major corporation.

Adolph Coors' non-voting stock was offered to the public for the first time in its 105 year history in 1975 at \$31. It has since declined to \$14. Coors, which manufactures a variety of products, had restricted its sales to only a few Western states, but is now expanding to other states to halt its sales decline.

The beer, which is unpasteurized so must remain refrigerated most of the time, is shipped to Coors-owned distributors directly from Golden. It is manufactured in a brewery built by the Coors construction company. The product is advertised by the Coors advertising company... Every aspect of its operation is owned and controlled by the descendants of Adolph Coors.

Coors also has attempted to control what kind of employees it has and reserves the right to dismiss an employee on a whim. It has strung out negotiations with its few unions so long that the unions have been weakened or dissolved. Coors management has consistently hired non-union employees ("scabs") to take the place of union strikers in order to deny workers any kind of organized bargaining unit.

Gays became involved in the striking Brewery Workers dispute which began in April, 1977. Rumors spread that Coors had sent considerable money to support Anita Bryant in Miami. This reporter personally checked the Save Our Children records in Miami and could find no truth to the rumors. However, the rumors persisted that Coors, somehow, discriminated against Gay people

so this reporter went to Golden, Colorado, to investigate.

The trip to Golden and a study of the personal politics of millionaire Joseph Coors resulted in a series of six articles in B.A.R. entitled "The Coors Empire and Gay Rights." With the publication of this series - and the announcement that the articles would be published in booklet form - Coors began a very expensive Public Relations effort to convince the public that it is not anti-union, anti-Gay or anti-anything. It only convinced The Advocate, the nation's largest Gay newspaper, which does not support the boycott of Coors beer.

Three hundred Gay leaders recently met in Denver, Colorado, at a National Gay Leadership Conference and voted unanimously to boycott Coors. The leadership of Metropolitan Community Church clearly supports the boycott, as does the State Gay Caucus of Democratic Clubs, B.A.R. and Data Boy publications plus this city's Golden Gate Business Association, Lesbian Resistance, Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club and the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club.

The Gay Tavern Guild organization has not taken any position on Coors. An estimated 90 Gay bars in this area no longer serve Coors beer, and this boycott has cost the company an estimated 5,000 cases per month.

The B.A.R. series on Coors emphasized some reasons why Gay people might wish to boycott Coors beer. The six-part analysis began with the July 21 (Vol. 7, No. 15) issue. Rather than repeat those articles, following is a review of points made:

1. Human Rights: Coors has only recently begun to hire some Blacks, Chicanos and women as a response to repeated pressure from local, state and national commissions which have charged that Coors discriminates. One striker told this reporter that he had been asked, "Are you a homosexual?" when he took the required company polygraph ("lie detector") test required of all employees. Test questions establish that Coors

is interested in whether prospective employees have ever taken drugs, participated in a demonstration or done anything that might "embarrass" the company.

2. Employee Rights: Coors reserves the right to fire any Brewery Workers employees for ANY reason. The reason could be sexual orientation or any other "cause." The reason does not have to be job-related.

3. Union Busting: Management has consistently used every technique to destroy employee bargaining - believing in bargaining done between an individual and management, where the employee is in no real bargaining position.

4. Joseph Coors: The purchase of Coors beer continues to make the President of Adolph Coors Company a millionaire. With his vast wealth, this man has financially assisted the most ultra-conservative organizations in the nation - The Heritage Foundation, the John Birch Society, the Committee for a Survival of a Free Congress, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. These groups support representatives and senators in Congress who have voted successfully to eliminate Gay people from federal housing and legal assistance programs.

The recent interviews with Joseph and Bill Coors in The Advocate were very revealing. They revealed that both men had nothing to say that was new and re-emphasized what this reporter had revealed in the earlier B.A.R. series.

The Gay boycott of Coors has put Joe and Bill Coors on the road, pushing their beer and doing personal public relations that would normally be done by their advertising department. The Coors have even discovered two Lesbians in the factory

and put them on an all-expenses paid vacation, telling how "wonderful" it is to work in Golden. Coors executives held several meetings - in San Jose, San Francisco, Orange County and Los Angeles. They have spent thousands in advertising and promoting themselves - but not one cent for Gay liberation. Coors has even used the support of Ray Broshears in advertisements to promote its beer in the Gay community.

The strike continues at Golden with half of the 1,472 hungry strikers returning to work. The

others walk the picket lines and receive some aid from the national AFL-CIO. The brewery continues to operate partly with "scab" workers who evidently do not care about human rights. Meanwhile, the meetings with Gay leaders and bar owners have not been successful. At one recent session in San Jose, Coors representatives spoke and then the group voted to continue the boycott. The Coors "public relations" advertising has brought more public attention to the fact that there is "trouble" at the factory in Golden.

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This writer is aware that there are Gay people who do not care if workers have the right to organize. Gay bars and non-baths are usually non-union as are most Gay businesses. The appeal here is on the broader issue of human rights - the right to hold a job without the intimidation of a lie detector test and the right to be who you are - Gay or otherwise - a right which can be denied by well-financed ultra-right politicians.

B.A.R. and this writer urge you not to drink Coors beer and to support the strikers at Golden, Colorado. You may make your views known directly

to Joseph and Bill Coors: Adolph Coors Company, Dept. 802, Golden Colorado 80401. Brewery Workers No. 166 is located at 4510 Indiana St., Golden, Colorado 80401. Commentary is also welcomed by this writer: George Mendenhall, c/o B.A.R., 1550 Howard St., San Francisco 94103.

George Mendenhall
EDITOR'S NOTE: Coors representatives have approached the B.A.R. asking two questions in sequence: Would you accept advertising from Coors? Would you print a retraction exonerating Coors? Neither steps have come to pass. . .

The Men in My Life

George Sand — Part III "There Is Only One Sex"

by Paul-Francis Hartmann

LOVE AND SAND

On finishing an early novel of Madame Sand (his mother's copy), Walt Whitman experienced a conversion. From Sand's lines Whitman drew his All-encompassing Lover — "flinging his arms, drawing men and women with undeniable love to his close embrace."

BEFORE THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION

From 16 to 65, George Sand thrived and suffered in a vortex of love and lovers. In 1865, George (who lived her stories before she wrote them) published her novel *LE DERNIER AMOUR* (The Last Love). George was 61, her latest, painter Charles Marchal — who could love "lightly, healthily and well" was a much younger man. She called Marchal her "great springtime." But she dedicated her book to her newest friend, Gustave Flaubert — much to Flaubert's embarrassment. The deep attachment of Sand and Flaubert (to many, France's greatest novelist) lasted until her death in 1876 at the age of 72. Gustave was 17 years her junior. Their affinity remarks one biographer "remains a marvel."

In George's 20's her lovers were her contemporaries and seniors; in her later years, her juniors by as much as 30 years.

The roster of George Sand's lovers reads like the Who's Who of artistic and political France from 1830 to 1860: poets, novelists, journalists, playwrights, actors, composers, musicians, doctors, politicians, government officials. From playboys to students... almost everyone save Prince Napoleon and Louis Pasteur. . .

George Sand was not the greatest beauty of her day. Poet Alfred de Musset described her as "black-haired, olive-hued skin with highlights of bronze, and enormous eyes like an Indian's." Yet George was perhaps the most magnetic woman imaginable. And as in the song, "Men clustered to

her as moths about a flame." As she saw herself — to each lover she was true and loyal — in her fashion! She plumbed a relationship to its depths and stretched it to its limits. Once exhausted, she moved on. There seemed an endless supply of admirers waiting in the wings.

She would respond to her suitor — or her prey — delicately but forthrightly. "She was a 19th century lady with the directness of a man," writes a biographer. "A disconcerting combination for her male contemporaries who thought the one category excluded the other."

It was not unlike George at 30 to run off to Venice with the 22-year-old Alfred de Musset. Of this celebrated poet she wrote, "He is a person I love more than anybody else in the world." The lovers set off for Italy on the twelfth of December, 1833, full of hope and high spirits. George wore "pearl-gray trousers, Russian leather boots and a visored velvet cap." Two months later the affair had soured, and Sand returned to Paris with a new lover in tow, Pietro Pazzello — a handsome, healthy, well-built 26 year old Italian doctor who had nursed Sand through the "turistas" and later Musset through typhoid and the DT's in Venice's Hotel Danieli.



George Sand

"When I love . . . Love is all. True complete love is when two hearts, two minds, two bodies meet in understanding and embrace. That meeting, that many-sided, embrace, a 'sympathie,' occurs once in a thousand years. So long as but two elements concord — mind and body without heart or body and heart without mind — one believes the third somehow exists until the absence becomes so strongly felt it kills the 'sympathie' of the other two."

George Sand was both lucky and unlucky in love. One thing remained; she never ceased experimenting. At 46, she wrote of her latest adventure, "I have been able to abandon myself to it selfishly . . . I am 46. I have gray hairs. I have learned that old women are more loved than young women."



A self-portrait of George Sand at 27

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BEFORE KATE MILLETT

One of the more successful of her amours and the least discussed was her intimacy with Marie Dorval, the beautiful and famous actress. Marie was the Sarah Bernhardt of the Paris stage in the 1830's and 1840's.

Born illegitimately to a pair of touring performers in 1798, Marie had babbled her first words on stage. She learned to please before she knew even a child's pleasure. Married at 15 to the balletmaster of the troupe, Marie was more than pretty, she was a "charmer."

The winter season of 1833 saw her at the height of her theatrical career playing in Hugo's "Marion Delorme" and Dumas' "Antony." George was a great theater-goer and was overwhelmed by the splendid actress. She wrote Marie Dorval, asking to see her. With similar directness Marie responded. The day she received George's note, she was at the door of George's Paris apartment. Marie threw it open without knocking, went straight to George and embraced her. "Here I am," she cried breathlessly, "I!" (At time both women had husbands, children and live-in male lovers.) To say the least, "It was a time of tangled lives."

George would meet Marie at the theater, in her loge after the spectacle, or "at the corner of the fire" in George's

apartment -- "living a great deal in a few hours." They became known as "the inseparables." At this time, recounts a contemporary wag, Sappho was reborn in Paris.

George packed her male lover off to Italy, and all Paris buzzed with the scandal. In 1840 the same lover wrote in appreciation - rather than denigration - of George. "Madame Dorval placed her friendship in Madame Sand. An instinctive feeling of sympathy drew the one woman to the other... Both women incomparable in talent and unhappiness; the one an eagle, the other a dove, both swept away by the storm, they found that only in love could they find shelter for their poor, tired wings."

Marie, past her prime, died in 1849. Her son-in-law wrote to George of her last days, "She spoke to me of you, of your heart. Oh, dear Madame Sand, how you loved Marie, how you alone knew how to reach her soul." The affair lasted a winter and a spring; their love lasted their lifetimes. On Marie's death, George wrote in her diary, "Rest quietly, YOUR part of me is imperishable."

George went on for another 40 years of adventures and causes - outspoken and spoken about - loved and loathed. To her contemporaries she was an amazement, and so she remains.

As one of her early lovers, Jules Sandeau (her first collaborator and from whom she borrowed the "Sand" of her nom de plume -- Sandeau, who was the rival of George's affections along with Marie Dorval and a dozen others) reminisced in 1840, "As the man, or woman, who lived on the borderline of the two sexes, Madame Sand was sort of a female Christ, carrying the cross of womanhood in her arms, shielding the adulterers from the world's stoning."

Some years later, George's daughter's lover, Count d'Orsay wrote to Madame Sand, "You are a much loved woman - besides being the outstanding man of our time."

BEFORE JUNG

In 1867 in her sixties, the indomitable lover of life wrote to her admirer Gustave Flaubert that Wholeness was all.

"I believe that the artist should live true to his nature... that the artist is an instrument whose every chord must be played before he plays any other."

She continued to Flaubert, "In the setting sun of life, when one is old, that loveliest time of day for tones and reflections, one acquires a new notion of everything, especially affection."

"One becomes convinced that there is only one sex." A man and a woman are indeed the same thing. And one marvels at all the distinc-

tions and subtle rationalizations with which societies feed themselves in that matter. I have observed the childhood and development of my son and daughter. My son was myself and consequently more feminine than my daughter, who was a failed man."

Writing in 1914, Henry James aptly noted, "The moral of George Sand's tale, the beauty of what she does for us is not the extension she gives to the feminine nature but the richness she adds to the masculine," - the lesson of the Wholeness of George Sand.

After her funeral Flaubert wrote, "One had to know her as I knew her to realize how much of the feminine there was in that great man, the immensity of tenderness there was in that genius."

"She will remain one of the radiant splendors of France, unequalled in her glory."

George Sand -- a woman for all seasons. Paul-Francis Hartmann

Meals On Wheels Expands

Meals on Wheels of San Francisco, Inc., has begun services to the Downtown (Tenderloin) area of the city.

Currently operating in five neighborhood districts (Sunset, Richmond, Cathedral Hill, Mission and Ingleside), the program's expansion has been made possible through a grant from the San Francisco Commission on the Aging with matching funds from the Bishops' Hunger Poverty Committee of the Episcopal Diocese, Mid-Weeklies, Inc., and the Community Softball League.

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Some of our group have attended yeshivot or Yiddish schools, been or still are members of other synagogues and/or Jewish organizations. For those of us who never had a Jewish education, this will be our first active contact with Jewish life. Others of us, who had not participated in Jewish life for years, will find a positive experience in our return to a Jewish community. All of us have respect and understanding for each of our varying levels of knowledge of Jewish ritual and tradition. Newcomers will quickly feel at home among us.

HOW WOULD WE DESCRIBE OUR ORGANIZATION?

We are a "kehillah" or community of people who genuinely like and care about each other, as active Jews, as Gays, as people. We feel strong bonds of kinship as a community. Many deep and lasting friendships can be formed here. Our religious services and social gatherings do not stress formality - we are more concerned with a spiritual and emotional content of what we do.

WHY FORM A GAY SYNAGOGUE?

A separate synagogue for Gays probably offers as many reasons for being as there are people in attendance. Its greatest attraction is having the opportunity to openly enjoy one's Jewishness and one's Gayness. Individuals who are observant, as well as those who are not, are eager to establish a

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Our forebears formed new communities based on earlier places or origin and common cultural patterns. "Olin" have formed "kibbutzim" and "moshavim" in Israel based on common social beliefs. We have formed our synagogue and community or "kehillah" because in it we can best experience our Jewishness among friends who understand our feelings and our way of life.

WHAT RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL WE OFFER?

Our Friday night service is the highlight of our week. We will welcome the Sabbath with great joy, singing and dancing. Then we will have a coffee hour followed by an Oneg Shabbat which is usually a cultural or entertainment program of Jewish or Gay interest. We finish the evening with Israeli and Yiddish folk-dancing.

We will celebrate all the holidays of the Jewish calendar with appropriate services, traditional meals and songs. Traditionally on the first day of Rosh Hashannah we have a community dinner after services and end the day with tashlich. We break the fast after Ne'ilah with a kiddush. We have full Simchat Torah celebration. We have a Chanukah service, Chanukah and Purim social dances, a Purimspiel, read the Megillah, and conduct a community seder on the second night of Passover. We celebrate Shvouth, Yom Hashoah, Yom Atmaut, and Tisha B'Av.

HOW DO WE RELATE TO THE LARGER JEWISH COMMUNITY?

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav does not fit into any of the traditional categories of synagogues in America. We have not sought affiliation with any of the existing Jewish denominations - Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist. Our ritual conforms to none of these, yet borrows from all of them. We enjoy cultural pluralism in the American tradition. We find it possible to integrate and enjoy our Gay lifestyle and Jewish background at the same time. We wish to remain free to develop the style of worship that best suits our needs. Sha'ar Zahav is a Gay Jewish community, having an experimental synagogue as its focus, with a feeling of love and spirituality all its own.

We consider ourselves rightful members of the Jewish community. We are dedicated to supporting Jewish institutions. We are profoundly concerned about Israel and Jews all over the world, and are interested in promoting Jewish religious education and culture among ourselves. We aim, on the one hand, to promote an understanding of homosexuality in Jewish community, and on the other, an understanding of Judaism among homosexuals.

IN WHAT WAYS DO WE ACT ON OUR VALUES?

We hope to participate under the banner of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav in demonstrations for Israel and oppressed Jewry. We hope to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Emergency Fund, Keren Kayemet (Jewish National Fund), several local Jewish charities, and Gay organizations.

We hope to have classes in Hebrew, Yiddish language and literature, Bible, Talmud, Jewish Concepts, and Kabbalah. Many of our Friday night Onegs will be directed toward education in all aspects of Jewish life and thought.

We want civil liberties for all homosexuals, Jewish and Gentile, and support Gay liberation activities.

WHAT ARE OUR FORMS OF ORGANIZATION AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT?

The Synagogue will be administered by a Board of Trustees, elected annually. Our varied activities will be conducted through committees responsible to the Board.

Our financial support will come from ourselves. In keeping with the true spirit of Judaism, our spiritual teachers and leaders will serve without pay. Others in our community also contribute according to their skills; all serve on a volunteer basis. Our membership dues are supplemented by contributions to cover expenses.

WHO MAY ATTEND OUR SYNAGOGUE BESIDES GAY JEWS?

We are a synagogue and our doors are open to all. Parents, other family members and non-Jewish friends are welcome to our services and activities. Everyone is welcome to stay for the coffee hour after the services and then the Oneg Shabbat. Holiday services and cultural activities are also open to visitors.

Friday night services are at 8:00 sharp; get together at 7:30, casual dress. Services are currently held at Glide, Ellis and Taylor (Ellis Street entrance).

We look forward to seeing you at services.

"Chestnuts Roasting"

The Emperor of San Francisco, Jim Ostlund, and the Order of the Golden Spike present a day of frolicking and merriment with the spirit of an OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS in mind.

"Chestnuts Roasting" is the theme of a benefit to fight the Briggs Initiative, which will be on the November 1978 ballot. This gives us some time to raise the necessary funds to fight the initiative which is directed against homosexual teachers most importantly but with the broader scope of affecting any homosexual holding a job.

Booths will be provided at a cost of \$35.00. Says organizer Jon Cameron, "You are welcome to retain the profits from your booth or you may contribute all or part of the profits to the fund being set up to fight the Briggs Initiative. There will be a prize for the booth decorated most in keeping with the theme OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS, and costumes are encouraged.

If you are interested in operating a booth Sunday, Dec. 11, from Noon to 8:00pm at California Hall, call 861-1271 for further information.

"Hot" Chestnut Sales

Once again, the San Francisco International Festival Council is sponsoring the sixth annual traditional "hot" chestnut sales program in downtown San Francisco. This program begins the day after Thanksgiving and runs through the day before Christmas. Chestnut carts will be located in the areas of: Powell and Market, Powell and O'Farrell, Geary and Stockton, Stockton and Maiden Lane, Powell and Geary, and at Ghirardelli Square.

Through the sale of "hot" chestnuts and donations, more than 4000 senior citizens and needy are served a hot meal on Christmas Day.

Volunteers for cutting chestnuts (making a cutting mark on the chestnut to prevent the chestnut from exploding in the ovens) can come to Tad's Steakhouse on 120 Powell St., San Francisco, every day from 9:00am through 6:00pm.

To volunteer or make a donation, please call (415) 928-0853 or write the Festival Council Christmas Program, P.O. Box 6210, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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"THE GIRLS IN ROOM 953" ... namely, Sweet Lips and myself. Talk about testy. I must say though ... a more strange "roomie" I've never had. What all you folks out there see is a sweet (snarling) public image ... somewhat like Attila the Hun in a pleasant mood and on his best behavior ... after sacking three countries before noon.

Lips is actually quite handy around the pad. For instance, everything that he touches explodes, breaks, or simply gives up the ghost ... starting with the toilet bowl. As far as I know, "that" particular commode is STILL running in Room 953. Seems Lips flushed it (the first night) and the damn thing wouldn't stop running. Can cold, white porcelain feel hate? Finally made him turn the water pipe off so your mother could get some sleep.

Then we have the simple, regular hotel-size TV set in our room. On a regular hotel-size TV stand. On wheels. Which worked (both) ... until he touched same. Being naturally curious ... nosy ... Lips isn't satisfied with looking at one channel -- he constantly flips to all the channels every few minutes. Get the picture? Becoming slightly nervous, I slipped on something soft and filmy and went out to the Coke machine for something cool. I was gone every bit of three, count them, three minutes. Upon my return, there Lips was on the bedroom floor (naked as a big red whale) ... on his back. Thought the old lady had an attack of some kind. Due to his fiddling with the set, one wheel had come off ... never to fit that TV stand again ... and the TV itself was kaput. Broken. Destroyed. Absolutely never to work again! The hotel had to replace the set. I hid in the closet ... where I haven't been in 25 years.

Shall I mention the Kleenex container in the john? Or the wall socket? The one window that opened on a slide metal bar ... that kept sliding

The dresser that nearly toppled over ... being top-heavy with all his colognes, pills, makeup, potions, extra-large candy bars on top?

Must admit that the Lips took good care of Sally. Every evening Steve of the Embers would open his kitchen and personally make us some late snacks ... usually great sandwiches ... blush to tell you, I ate most of them. Lips didn't know old Sally is a chowhound. Besides, I become very hungry when I get nervous. ...

Saturday night is the coronation. The divine Empress Melody and the dapper Emperor Harold are holding court. Stunning and nice couple. They certainly left office in regal style. The coronation itself ... just like most ... can become tedious and boring. Somewhat like the Listerine commercials. If you are involved ... good for you, but hate the taste. But speaking for most of the SF brigade, we had a swell time. Particularly me. Had the honor of being escorted back to the hotel by a hunky, blonde cop. They are most gracious in Portland.

The next evening -- the auction ... to end all auctions held in Portland ... at the Embers. The money raised ... a fantastic \$3600 ... to help fight Senator Briggs through the auspices of the Pride Foundation of SF.

Under the capable and entertaining sway of Bob Ross ... Emperor III Bob Cramer ... the two fabulous royal ladies of Portland, Vanessa and Darcelle ... it was a marvelous evening. With show breaks by some of Portland's most talented entertainers ... it was a night to remember.

The highlight of the auction was when the master auctioneer of them all, Bob Ross, managed to sell for several hundred dollars everything Sweet Lips was wearing ... except his jockey shorts. After all, there is a limit!

Cheers,
SAL

*P.S. Happy Thanksgiving to all you gobblers and gobblees. ...

Spoon Awards '77

To absolutely no one's surprise, the King of Spoons of San Francisco for the coming year is Wayne Friday, B.A.R. political columnist who sometimes dabbles in bartending at the N'Touch and is one of the city's most notorious trouble makers. For the second time in the history of the Spoon Awards, a straight woman was voted Queen of Spoons. Ginny Lee, long an advocate of Gay rights and an active per-

son in many Gay circles, was named Queen at The City, Sunday evening, Nov. 20.

Emperor I (After Norton) Marcus opened the proceedings with an explanation of the voting procedure (only previous winners may vote) and explained that although the citations for the winners may reek of acerbic demeanor, they are, of course, camp, strictly camp. MC Ron Ross was then introduced, and after making some tacky comments about certain personalities in the audience,

he introduced his Co-MC Randy Johnson, who did a fantastic pantomime number to "Walk Right In/Let Me Entertain You." The pair then launched into a tirade about the audience, each other, the nominees, each other, the Empress, the Emperor, the King Father, each other, and the outgoing spoon monarchs, Queen Joanne Neuer and King Bob Golovich, who all seemed to be enjoying all the stirring taking place.

Of the 150 persons nominated for their stirring activities during the past 12 months, 17 spoons were awarded to San Francisco residents. In addition, eight Hall of Fame plaques were awarded to previous spoon award winners because of their unceasing stirring in the community. The second Hall of Fame winners named were Bob Golovich, Jim Becker, Gary McDonald, Miss Gay SF Ronny Lynn, Bill Tolan, Empress III Lola of Seattle and Empress IV Nicole of San Deigo.

Entertainment was provided midway through the presentations by Grand Duchess candidate Tanya, who pantomimed stunningly through two upbeat numbers and did a frantically fabulous shimmy dance, fringes and all, which kept the audience applauding for the tremendous talent dispensed with vigor, class and perfection.

A special award was announced by Marcus called the Bobby Kerns Memorial Humanitarian Spoon Award. The first recipient was Emperor I Gregg Lucio of Long Beach, who is now a resident of San Francisco. The award will be given annually to that person who most closely lives up to the standards of human kindness, awareness and friendliness to their fellow men and women.

King of Spoons Wayne Friday, who has been nominated annually for an award, was thoroughly surprised at his election and was not averse to proclaiming his innocence with protestations of "I never stir." Supervisor-elect Harvey Milk was announced to another standing ovation of appreciation after his recent brilliant campaign to gain a seat on the Board of Supervisors.

The winners of the spoons this year, all members of the Spoon Court V of San Francisco, are:

ABOVE SUSPICION AWARD: Mavis (N'Touch); NOVICE SPOON AWARD: Tuffy Adams (Tuffy's Sports Shop); LITTLE DIPPER AWARD: Larry Casas (*P.S.); BIG DIPPER AWARD: Leona (Rip Off Rag); LONE SPOONER AWARD: Mark Swinehart (Marquessa); LITTLE STIRRER AWARD: Bruce & Jim (Polk Gulch Saloon); BIG STIRRER AWARD: Empress XI Flame; LADY LADLE AWARD: Herman (Herman's Factory); MOTORCYCLE MAMA AWARD: Jim McCubbin ("James

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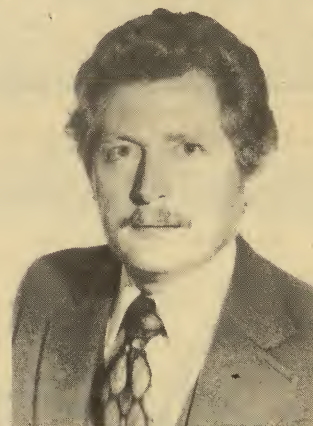
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SPOONS: Ginny Lee;
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Randy Johnson, in his farewell to drag performance onstage, closed the show with a fantastic pantomime version of "Thanks for the Memory." Randy will soon be elevated to a permanent title for life in being added to the Imperial Family of San Francisco on Decem-

ber 11.

The winners were feted at a victory party immediately following the awards at Mark Calhoun's Starlight Room.

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Sweet Lips Sez

by Dick Walters

A fun, fun night at The City for the Annual Spoon Awards... must say that Randy Johnson had an answer to all of Emma Mae Von Gay's "caustic" remarks, but then Emma did put the (ugh) President of Tavern Guild in his well-deserved place. Congrats to the King (Wayne Friday of the N'Touch) and Queen Ginny and to all of the other winners, including Mavis.

Don't forget to vote on Saturday the 26th from Noon to 6PM at the San Franciscan Hotel for the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess titles... Mel Square and Tanya are my favorites, and I hope yours. Identification will be required to prove San Francisco residence, so bring it with you.

Thank you Grey Ryder of the Flower Pot on Polk and Clay for the lovely flowers, but you always do lovely work??

The Cable Car Awards this year are in the "Grove" on the 29th of January. The Awards Party will be at the Kokpit from 4 till 7PM, so come on down and join in the fun.

Candidates who submit applications to run for Empress XIII are to be interviewed on Sunday, Dec. 18. Czarina Luscious Lorelei will be hosting a brunch at the 527 Club at 10AM that day for the Privy Council, the Tavern Guild Board of Directors, and all contestants submitting an application. Following brunch, the candidates will be individually interviewed in the Tavern Guild office. At 6PM, they will be notified of their acceptance or rejection. The following evening, Monday the 19th, at The City at 8PM, there will be a show and an introduction of the official candidates. There will be a door charge of \$3 and all proceeds will be donated to St. Anthony's Dining Room for their Christmas dinner compliments of the Privy Council and the Gay community. Sounds pretty HOT, doesn't it. Right on, Empress Jonni!

Again a reminder that the 8th Hanging of Sweet Lips is in Portland, Oregon, April 6-10; and many, many surprises are in store... there is a package deal of bus up and back, with bar and food, a sightseeing trip with a bar and food, and single hotel rooms or doubles as needed with a complimentary bottle of champagne in the room for only \$150. Reserve space at the Kokpit. All monies have to be paid by the 1st of March. Some of the events are going to be out of sight... Jose is doing a Mexican Brunch at the Darcelle XV Tavern on Saturday from noon till 2 and then doing one of her (and our) favorite Operas

... in fact, Jose doesn't know of this as yet... on Sunday, Bob Ross will duplicate the brunch we did for the outgoing of Empress Doris X at the Embers with proceeds going to a favorite charity of the Portland Court. Czarina Luscious Lorelei is also planning a big surprise in Portland, so you know that it will be a blast. As of now there is limited seating on the busses, so make your reservations early.

Daddy Joe of the Gangway wishes to thank all the wonderful people who contributed so very, very much to the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving donations. These people are getting lots of foodstuffs so that they have a little more in life and know that the Gay community, through Daddy Joe, loves them. Thank you, Joe!

The one and only great Frances Faye will again be appearing at the Mocambo after the first of the year; and I, for one, can't wait, right Franklin?

Arthur J's in San Jose (downtown) is the newest venture of the one and only Marvelous Marvin of the former 'Q.T.' A bus trip is going there on Saturday the 26th (see ad in this paper). It should be a fun trip, and all on the bus will be leaving the Kokpit to go to the San Franciscan Hotel to vote for Grand Duke and Grand Duchess... we hope for Mel and Tanya.

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving... the Kokpit will be open with yours truly and Kenny Allison on the plank.

A Gay Man's Alphabet BY JACK WARNER

HANDICRAFT

In the bar, when the hour is late,
He's a wizard at finding a date.
His sorcery's planned:
He stands close at hand
And thus tempts fickle fingers of fate.

INCHWORM

This cat don't dig physical shapes.
He's deep into people, not apes.
Big brains are his high—
And that's, of course, why
He totes around measuring tapes.

JACK

In a manual he notes what he spends
And amounts that he borrows and lends.
He's most interested
In what he's invested
In shares that pay large dividends.

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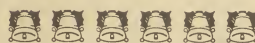
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And the tipped nipple-clips—
Making love you must take special pains."

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The Center for Special Problems, 2107 Van Ness Avenue, has announced new registration hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 10:00am; Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30pm.

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Eligibility for the funds is based on a maximum annual household income of \$3713 for individuals, \$4913 for couples, and \$7313 for families of four.

Applicants for these funds must appear in person at the nearest office of the San Francisco Economic Opportunity Council. Office locations are listed in the phone book under ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC.

The Information and Referral Service of the Commission on the Aging, 558-5512, will advise seniors of the EOC Office nearest their homes.

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Better Business Bureau Shopping Tips

We are convinced from past experience that if you are smart, your Christmas shopping can be happy, satisfying and profitable. If not, you might experience the disappointments, heartaches and after Christmas complaints so often reported to the Better Business Bureau.

REMEMBER:

1. Trade only with concerns known to be reliable or with those whose reputation can be established by intelligent inquiry.

2. Unless there is a written or provable agreement otherwise, all sales are final - and the matter of a refund or exchange is dependent on the policy of the seller.

3. Decide definitely what you want before you buy so as to avoid difficulty or delay in take-back, exchange or refund.

4. Buy with care -- Read labels -- Be sure of the correct size, color and other requirements. Keep your sales slips or receipts.

5. It would be best to examine Christmas purchases before Christmas so that any claim for defect or damages may be made immediately rather than after Christmas.

6. Don't expect that you can bring back to a store after Christmas an article bought before Christmas and get full refund or credit for it if that article has already been marked down -- unless the store wants to do so.

7. Don't try to get cash refunds on Christmas gifts given to you. The fact that you don't like the gift or that you received two or more alike is no reason why any merchant should give you a refund.

8. Don't contract to purchase anything beyond your capacity to pay.

9. If you pay an advance deposit on the "lay away plan" or otherwise, be sure that you can and will go through with the deal -- otherwise, you may sacrifice your deposit.

10. Never let yourself be rushed into buying anything by high pressure sales talk; or claim that it is your last chance -- take your time and make up your own mind carefully.

11. Read all papers you are asked to sign and keep a copy.

12. If you want delivery by Christmas, be sure you deal with concerns that have the facilities to fulfill their promises.

13. If you find the article you receive is not as ordered -- do not use it. Notify the seller

immediately and give him an opportunity to adjust it.

14. Don't buy from advertisers who attempt to discourage you from buying attractively advertised goods but who instead try to high pressure you into something else. That's "bait" advertising.

15. If you do business by mail order -- First make sure you are dealing with a reliable company; allow plenty of time for delivery and write very plainly -- printing or typing is best.

16. No one can continually sell retail at wholesale prices, so an appeal "Buy Wholesale" is generally wholesale bunk.

17. Transient vendors, sidewalk hawkers and peddlers are not around after Christmas to listen to complaints.

18. A guarantee should be specific and in writing.

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Dave Detrick and John Paddock, USA-SF Basketball All-Stars. (Photo by Efren Ramirez)

In pre-season activity, the Brig holds a 2-1 series edge over the Leatherneck - winning the opener 6-3, dropping the second match 7-2, and clinching the third match 7-2. If interested in more information about the League, contact Bruno by leaving a message at the Brig (or attending one of Sunday's tourneys); see Ken Marquis (tournament director) at the Leatherneck; or get in touch with J. C. Cunningham at the Cinch (tourneys every Wednesday evening at 8:30); or contact "Luby" at the Rainbow Cattle Co.

GAY SHOWDOWN SPORTS

LOS ANGELES VS. SAN FRANCISCO

The weekend of Dec. 10 & 11 will be a spectacular three days for Gay sports fans and athletes. The first annual California Cup competition will be hosted by San Francisco's USA-SF Gay athletic club. Their foes for the weekend series will be the Gay all-stars from Los Angeles. On Saturday the 10th at 1:30pm, flag football teams will square off against each other at Mission High School. The Southern California team has size and speed to match their blonde helmets and should provide the USA team with stiff competition. Tuffy, the USA football coach, promises that his team will take the game right to the LA team, so the battle for the football point should be exciting.

On Sunday the 11th, Kezar Pavilion will be the site of the volleyball and basketball competition. At noon six-man, four-man and two-man teams will power spike their balls at each other, followed by the series-ending basketball game.

Whichever team wins 2 out of the 3 competitions will capture the first trophy. Next spring, Los Angeles will host the Spring Sports events.

Information about the weekend's activities can be picked up at Tuffy's Sports Shop or the USA-Athletic Clubhouse, both located at 597 Castro. There will be several parties for the LA teams in order to raise money for their travel expenses, and this information can be obtained by calling 621-2128.

SPORTS

Pool Fever Hits

by Bruno Bereshnoy

The first awakening chapter in San Francisco organized pool competition unfolded at the Leatherneck when tournaments were scheduled regularly every other Saturday. Interest grew rapidly and the Saturday afternoon events (beginning at 4:30) started to hit the scene each week.

As popularity mounted even further, the Brig began similar weekly events each Sunday afternoon (beginning at 2:30). Similarly, South of Market (Folsom St.) quickly became the hub of pool activities in the city - as more and more eight-ball enthusiasts emerged onto the scene.

As in Los Angeles, after several months of speculation and planning, we now see the surfacing of the "San Francisco Pool League." Several bars have already formed five-

man teams: the Brig, Leatherneck, Rainbow Cattle Co., Cinch, and possibly a representative team from the Castro area.

By the same token, the S.F.P.L. Association will hold its first meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7:00pm at the Wilson County Bar, 1500 Bush St. (at Van Ness). This meeting signifies the deadline for any further team entries - and, anyone interested in joining the S.F.P.L.A. is welcome to attend.

Furthermore, items on that evening's agenda include: (1) the selection of teams for the upcoming season; (2) election of officers; (3) appointment of team captains; (4) adoption of rules and regulations governing the Association and the League; (5) scheduling this season's match slate; etc. ... Any bar with a pool table (and a five-man team) is welcome to attend and join. Remember, Dec. 1 is the DEADLINE.



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SAN JOSE "POLITICAL ACTION NIGHT"

Key national, state and local political leaders will be gathering at Metropolitan Community Church in San Jose, 160 N. 3rd, to discuss Gay Rights issues on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30pm.

Congressman Don Edwards (D - San Jose), Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights, House of Representatives

Judiciary Committee, will be speaking. In addition, State Assemblyman John Vasconcellos and City Councilman Jim Self will be speaking. Dave Steward, an openly Gay Human Relations Commissioner for Santa Clara County, and Grace Ybarra J.D., a lawyer specializing in Gay-oriented cases, will be speaking and fielding questions.

As special guests, Adam Debaugh, a full time Congressional Gay Rights lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and Steve Badeau, a full time Gay Rights lobbyist in the state legislature in Sacramento, will be speaking and fielding questions on Gay Rights at the national and state levels.

The event, being called "Political Action Night," is being sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Action for MCC of San Jose. The meeting will be moderated by Kent Olson, Chairperson of the Commission. Christopher Street Democratic Club is co-sponsoring the event, and the Santa Clara County Coalition for Human Rights is also supporting "Political Action Night."

Points South, East & North by Gene

New Heads Of State For Modesto

#1 Jo and Kevi were elected Emperor II and Empress IV at the Modesto Coronation on Nov. 12. I must congratulate all the candidates, including R+NOL & Roland for an outstanding, open and honest campaign. The Coronation itself was a spectacular event. I would like to congratulate Anna, the opera singer from San Francisco, for a beautiful job.

It's too bad that Emperor I Phil from Reno upset the affair by dancing half nude on the tables during her performance, during which time he stepped on someone's camera with his boots on and had to be asked to control himself. It's a shame a member of a royal court has to act this way, but then maybe he just doesn't give a damn how he represents the Reno Court or himself. We were also advised of his indiscretion at the Holiday Inn, which would have left some poor waiter with a bunch of unpaid guest checks if it had not been for an individual who witnessed the matter and saw to it that the guest checks were taken care of. This is not the first time Emperor I Phil has created problems.

come in yet and some checks have not cleared the bank as yet. At this time it has been estimated that over \$5000 was raised.

The Turf Club held one of the wildest and funniest shows ever over the weekend. "Egad, What A Cad!" was under the direction of Dick Boye and was produced by Jack Luse. The proceeds will be turned over to the Hayward Equal Rights Organization.

SANTA ROSA

The new reigning heads of state of Sonoma County are Emperor VI James and Empress V Patty Packard. Congratulations and good luck to the new court! I just wish this coronation had been better organized. Surprise of the evening was the election of the new Grand Duchess, Cha Cha O'Brien, who won on a write-in vote.

Highspots of the evening were the entrance of Tanya, candidate for Grand Duchess de San Francisco, with all of her snow and the production number, A Chorus Line, done by the Modesto Court.

REDWOOD CITY

Dec. 4 at The Answer a crafts fair will be held. Bring your crafts or other items to sell and take part. Call Tony or Chuck at 365-9444 for more information. Also coming up on Nov. 27 at 10PM will be another Jockey Shorts Contest at The Answer - lots of fun and

HAYWARD

Due to my error, I do not have the breakdown of the monies for the 16th Annual Muscular Dystrophy Auction held in Hayward on Nov. 10. I will have this for the next issue, but I wish to point out that some of the monies pledged have not

hot buns.

SUNNYVALE-SAN JOSE

Dec. 4 at the "WE" Junction, Mr. Cowboy & Ms. Cowgirl will have an auction for Toys for Tots, Gay Christmas. Donation is \$1.00 and a can of food or a toy; call 244-7228 or 964-6356 to donate items for the auction. Also, on the 25th of November at the Crystal Saloon, Mr. Cowboy & Ms. Cowgirl will present an all-girls revue - donation \$1.00 or a can of food or a toy. Let's all get out and support these worthwhile causes.

Tuesday evenings at the "WE" Junction are now reserved for Feminist Night. This is a chance for women to gather and share in their talents and creations. All persons are welcome to participate.

CUPERTINO

The Grand Opening of Mary's Celebrity House was a smashing success. Stop in and visit Mary, Mel & Campy (the owners) or enjoy a fine dinner, brunch or lunch prepared by George Zell. You can also hear Johnny Lawrence at the piano bar direct from L.A.; he is great. This is a fine bar and restaurant featuring entertainment.

WALNUT CREEK

Gary Schneider is opening at The Hub on Dec. 4. He will be appearing from 3-7PM.

Androgyny Talks Slated

June Singer will be in the Bay Area to give an intensive workshop on Androgyny at Dominican College in San Rafael, Dec. 2-4. She will also lecture on "The Many Faces of Androgyny" at 8PM, Guzman Hall, Dominican College, Friday evening, Dec. 2.

Dr. Singer, in her book "Androgyny: Toward A New Theory of Sexuality," writes that much of the tension in our sexist society comes from the denial of our natural androgynous orientation and the overemphasis on sexual differences. She discusses the idea that homosexuality and bisexuality can offer a resolution to this conflict.

For further information about the workshop and the lecture, call 388-1244.

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